

international filing date 8 July 2004 - and the instant US application, based on this international application, contain additional subject matter in comparison to the German priority document: Figs. 7 to 10 and accompanying descriptive text have been added. Figs. 7 to 10 however concern the known processes of axial roll forming and tangential roll forming and this material has been added to provide background information.

The **priority date of 9 July 2003** of the instant application and the filing date of the reference *US 2005/0006899* are identical. This means that *US 2005/0006899* is not a valid reference against the instant application since it was not filed **before** the invention thereof by the applicant which is established by the priority date.

Therefore, since *US 2005/0006899* cannot be applied, the rejection under 35 USC 103 is unfounded.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

Respectfully submitted on September 8, 2010,

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